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1. Construction of a railroad between Kumhwal (金 潤), Suan County (126-22, 33-42), Hwanghae Province, and Sandung (126-12, 39-00), Kangdong County, South Pyongan Province, was begun on 10 March 1950. Surveys were conducted in September and October 1949 to determine the best route for the railroad, and by February 1950, cement, gravel and rails had been shipped to the area and barracks constructed for the labor force. Local farmers were mobilized to provide the necessary labor for the construction, which is scheduled for completion about September or October 1950.

2. In May 1949 [] the area of Suan County contained rich deposits of gold and tungsten, and the North Korean authorities have since attempted to exploit these mines. [] Transportation difficulties, however, hampered their efforts and the need of a railroad was discussed as early as May 1949.

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